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National Association of Counties, National League of Cities and U.S. Conference of Mayors Call on Congress for the Immediate Passage of Relief to Local Governments

Washington, DC – Today, the National Association of Counties (NACo), National League of Cities (NLC) and United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) combined voices to advocate for and promote the health and well-being of America's cities, towns, villages and counties.

On Saturday, the three organizations made it clear that direct, flexible relief to local governments of all sizes is desperately needed as local governments continue to fight the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"We urge Congress to unite, putting aside partisan differences and on Monday pass dedicated and flexible funding for all local governments. We are working at the county and municipal level as partners to provide unique and non-duplicative services to protect public health and economic stability, despite significant losses of revenue as a result of public health measures requiring a pause on most economic activity. The COVID-19 interim supplemental offered by Democratic leadership is the best and only offer on the table for state and local governments right now. We simply can't wait any longer."

For more tools and resources for local leaders, visit:

- NACo's Coronavirus Resource Page
- <u>NLC's Pandemic Response Website</u>
- USCM's COVID-19 Website

About the National League of Cities -- The <u>National League of Cities</u> (NLC) is the voice of America's cities, towns and villages, representing more than 200 million people. NLC works to strengthen local leadership, influence federal policy and drive innovative solutions. Stay connected with NLC on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

About the National Association of Counties -- The National Association of Counties (NACo) strengthens America's counties, including nearly 40,000 county elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. Founded in 1935, NACo unites county officials to advocate for county government priorities in federal policymaking; promote exemplary county policies and practices; nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks; optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings; and enrich the public's understanding of county government. <u>www.naco.org</u>

About the United States Conference of Mayors -- The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are more than 1,400 such cities in the country today, and each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor. Like us on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/usmayors</u>, or follow us on Twitter at <u>twitter.com/usmayors</u>.